IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.K.DENESAN

FRIDAY, THE 24TH NOVEMBER 2006 / 3RD AGRAHAYANA 1928

WP(C).No. 26712 of 2006(E)

PETITIONER:

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1. L.SAM FRANCLIN,
   JOINT BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER,
   BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, KOTTARAKKARA,
   KOLLAM DISTRICT.

2. MOIDUKUTTY,
   EXTENSION OFFICER HOUSING, GRADE-II,
   OTTAPPALAM BLOCK, OTTAPPALAM, PALAKKAD DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.N.N.SUGUNAPALAN (SR.)
SRI.S.SUJIN

RESPONDENTS:

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1. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
   LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT,
   GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
   THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. COMMISSIONER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
   L.M.S. COMPOUND,
   THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. STATE OF KERALA - REPRESENTED BY
   CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
   SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

4. KERALA PUBLIC SERVIE COMMISSION-
   REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
   PATTOM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

R4 BY ADV. SRI.P.C.SASIDHARAN, SC, KPSC
R1 TO 3 BY GOVT. PLEADER SHRI. BIJOY CHANDRAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 24/11/2006, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

K.K. DENESAN, J.

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Dated this the 24th November, 2006

J U D G M E N T

The 1st petitioner is working as Joint Block Development Officer and the 2nd petitioner is working as Extension Officer. They belong to the Rural Development Department. Their grievance is with regard to the lack of proper avenues for promotion. It is contended that officers belonging to other departments are allowed to work in the Rural Development Department and avail the promotional benefits in Rural Development Department while those belonging to the Rural Development Department are not given such facilities. The number of higher posts against which the petitioners can aspire for promotion is also very few. The petitioners have filed Ext. P5 representation before the Government seeking to redress their grievance in the above matter. Counsel for the petitioners submits that this Court may direct the 3rd respondent to take early decision on Ext. P5.

2. Heard Govt. Pleader for the respondents.

3. In the circumstances, there shall be an order directing the 3rd respondent to consider Ext. P5, take appropriate decision and communicate the same to the petitioners as early as possible, in any event, within 3 months on the petitioners producing a copy of the judgment along with a copy of the writ petition.

K.K. DENESAN
JUDGE

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